GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2327
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LAUNCHING OF PSLV (C - 5)
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether PSLV (C-5) is proposed to be launched in September 2003;

(b) if so, whether all arrangements have been made for the launch;

(c) whether any fire had broken out in the cable trench near the rocket launch pad;

(d) if so, whether the same has been rectified, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The PSLV (C-5) mission is planned to be launched during the first half of October 2003 and will carry the 1360 kg. IRS-P6 (RESOURCESAT-1) satellite.

(b) The launch campaign has commenced at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The data cables are laid in a concrete trench connecting the launch complex with various facilities located in SDSC SHAR. The fire which broke out in one of the cable wells on 1st July, 2003 at around 0345 hrs was immediately put off and the damaged cables have been replaced and tested.